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OCTOBER

The sob that comes after the weeping is over,
The smile after laughter,
Faith when youth's gone and death beckons:
The sum of life, plus a dream.

GENDER

I don't know whether October's a man or a woman.
When I say *She,* He looks at me with such masculine eyes;
And when I say *He,*
She shakes her red head at me.
So I th nk maybe
October's a child—or a god.

FOOLISH BIRD

Foolish bird,
  Do you think, because the rain's over
  And the sun's in your eyes,
  Summer's here again?
  Don't you know it's October?—
Foolish bird that sings in my heart.

GRAY RIVER

Gray river,
  Do you care that the wind's kisses are cold now?
  That they are putting away the little summer boats?